

**FIG. 1**

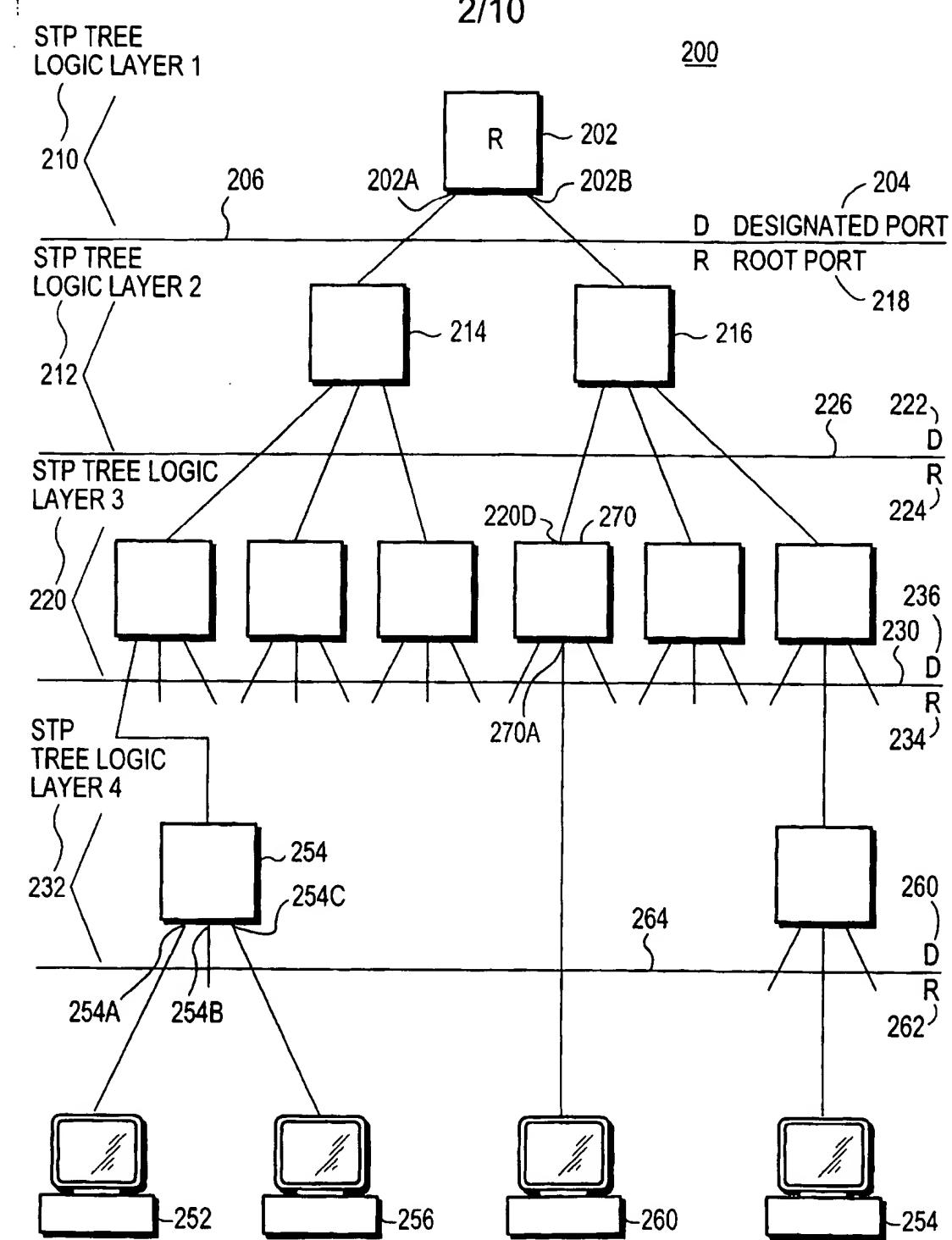


FIG. 2

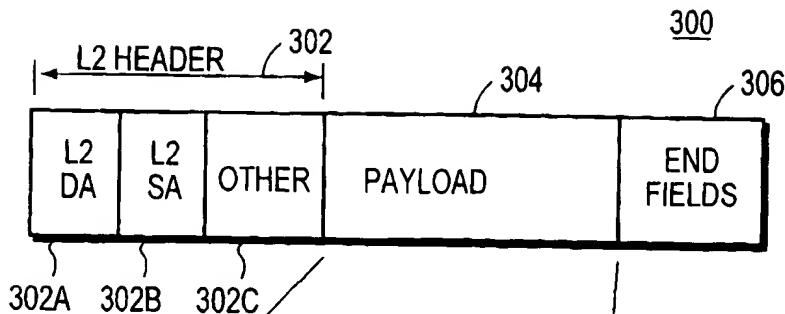


FIG. 3

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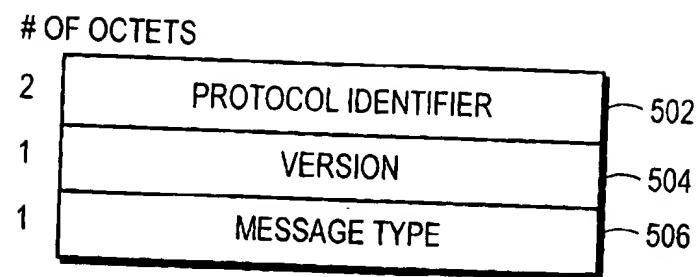
2	PROTOCOL IDENTIFIER	402
1	VERSION	404
1	MESSAGE TYPE	406
1	TCA	408
1	RESERVED	408
1	TC	408
8	ROOT ID	410
4	COST OF PATH TO ROOT	412
8	SWITCH ID	414
2	PORT ID	416
2	MESSAGE AGE	418
2	MAX AGE	420
2	HELLO TIME	422
2	FORWARD DELAY	424

FIG. 4

CONFIGURATION MESSAGE

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## TOPOLOGY CHANGE NOTIFICATION MESSAGE

FIG. 5

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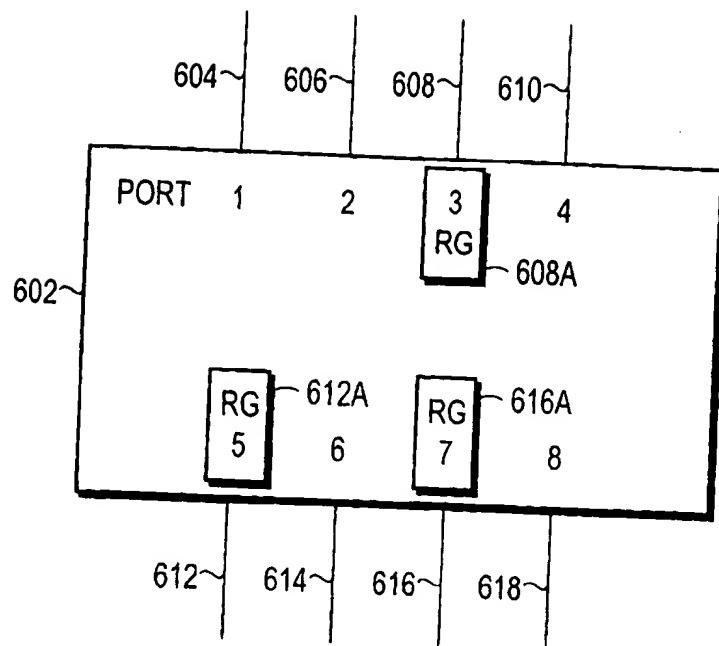


FIG. 6

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	702	704	
	STATE	ROLE	
710A	FWD	ROOT PORT	710
712A	FWD	DESIGNATED PORT	712
714A	BLK	BLOCKED PORT	714

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FIG. 7

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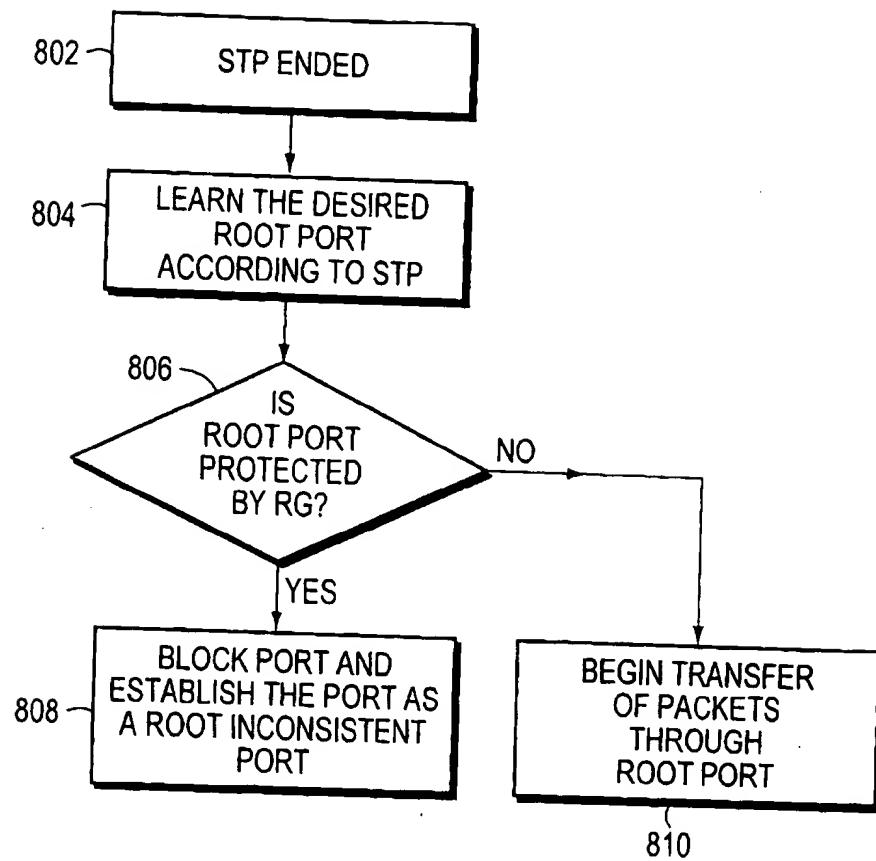


FIG. 8

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STATE	ROLE
FWD	ROOT PORT
FWD	DESIGNATED PORT
BLK	BLOCKED PORT
BLK	ROOT INCONSISTENT PORT

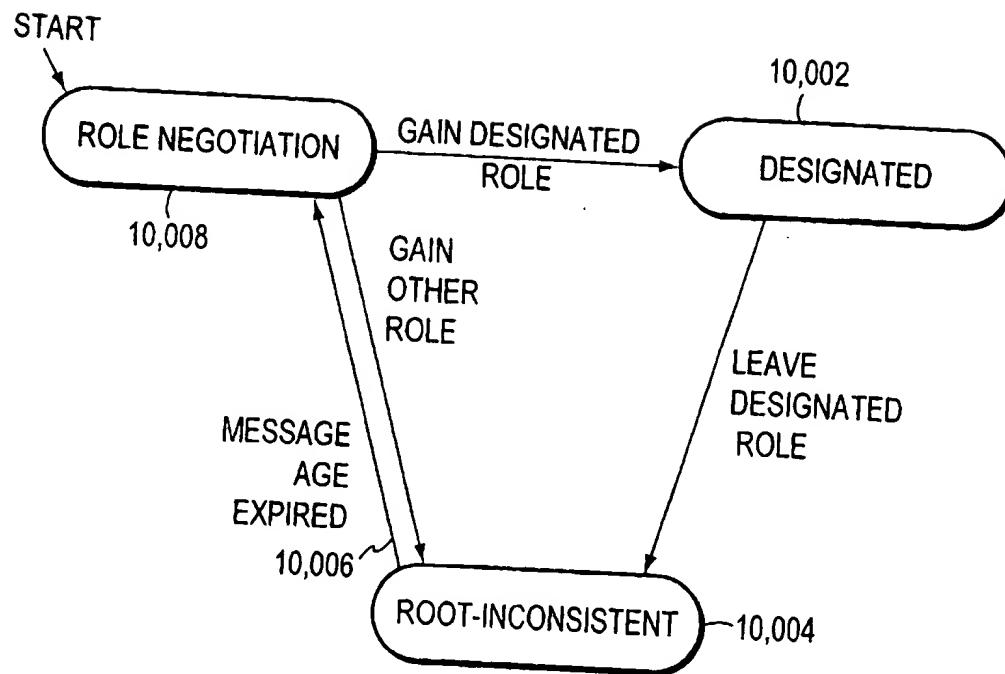
902A → 710  
902A → 712  
902A → 714  
902A → 902

PORT STATE TABLE

FIG. 9

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STATE DIAGRAM FOR STD FOR THE ROOT GUARD ON A PORT

FIG. 10

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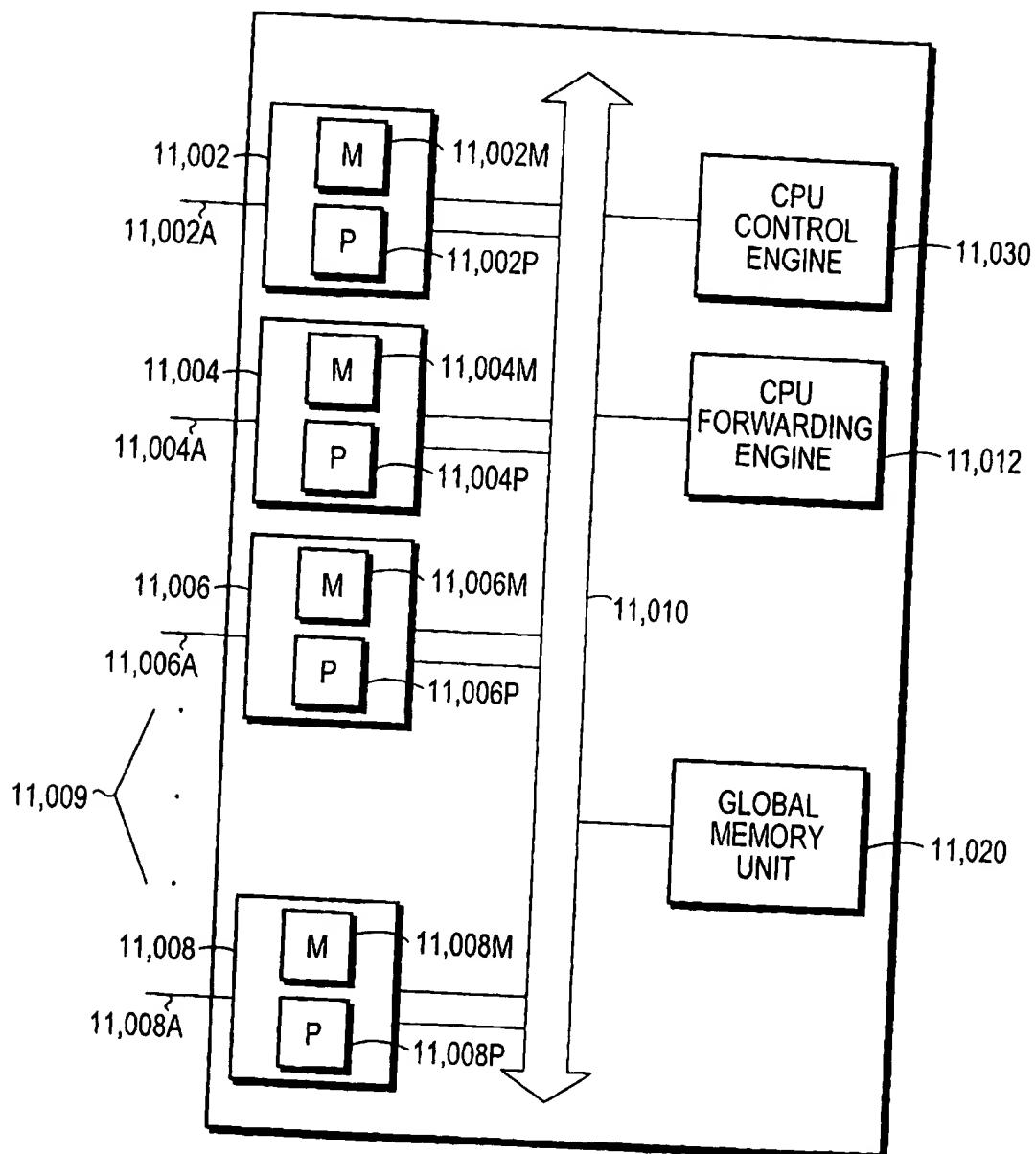


FIG. 11

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